

## Dear Year 3 parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a merry Christmas and a happy new year! We had a fantastic first term with the children and are very proud of their performance and how they are settling into key stage two. Our main topic this half term is 'May the force be with you'. This is a Science based topic linked to forces. Alongside this we will be focusing on recycling as part of the whole school topic linked to sustainability. At the end of this half term, the children will have the opportunity to showcase their learning as part of our 'Sustainability week'.

Mr Worth and Mrs Barrowcliff

## RE

We will be asking the question 'Why do people pray?'

## Supporting your child at home

Please continue to read regularly with your child each week focussing not only on fluency but comprehension skills as well.

We will continue with our weekly spell checks and the spelling lists will be continued to be posted on dojo each Monday for a check the following Monday. The words will help the children learn the Year 3 spelling rules.

For maths, TTRS can be used at home to help them develop their fluency in recall of their table facts. The children will continue to have a times table check each week and will move to the next set of times tables when appropriate.

We are really pleased with how the children responded so enthusiastically to the homework grid last term. We look forward to seeing what they produce this half term. Remember it is up to you and your child which six activities you decide to complete and when. They can bring completed activities in at any time up to the end of the topic and they will receive 2 dojos for every piece that they complete.

## D.T

This half term, we will be exploring levers and linkages. We will look at different ways that levers and linkages can create movement. Through focused tasks, we will learn to build different levers and linkages. Then, we will incorporate this knowledge into our own product.

## English

This half term, we will be reading 'Dragon Mountain' by Katie and Kevin Tsang.

We will begin the term by looking at persuasive posters linked to recycling and our visit to Longley Lane Recycling Centre. We will then focus on instructional writing.

Finally, we will explore different examples of explanatory texts, before then writing a text based on marvellous machine.

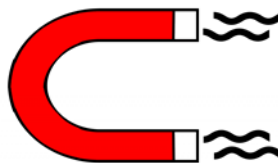
## Computing

This half term, we will be finishing our unit on touch typing, before moving on to looking at spreadsheets. We will also be covering some online safety as part of our ICT lessons and PSHE sessions.

## Mathematics

We spent last half-term moving the children onto mental and formal methods of addition and subtraction, we will now be looking at multiplication and division. The children will further develop their knowledge of times tables, practicing quick recall. They will begin to explore strategies for multiplying larger numbers, utilising their tables knowledge.

# May The Force Be With You!



## Physical Education

Children need their PE kits on Thursdays for indoor PE and Friday afternoon for outdoor PE led by Mrs Buchanan. Once they are brought into school, PE and games kits should stay in school until the half term break.

## Music

This half term, we will be looking at music as a narrative and creating our own compositions, recording these as a graphic score and incorporating changes in dynamic and tempo.

## Science

This half term, science will be our main focus. We will be looking at forces. We will do this through various investigatory activities based on pushes and pulls, contact forces, friction, and magnets.

## Spanish

This half term with Mr Stirling, the children will express their likes and dislikes using 'me gusta' and describe what is inside their pencil case.

## PSHE

We will be looking at living in the wider world with a focus on laws, rights and responsibilities.